

b.) Remarks

Claims 1 and 9 are amended to correct typographical errors only.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claims 28-31 and 39-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This is the sole outstanding issue, claims 1-16 and 34-38 having been allowed.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, simply in order to reduce the issues and expedite prosecution, claims 28-31 and 39-48 have above been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, this rejection is mooted.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the Examiner's concerns are now overcome and this application is now in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of this application and prompt passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-16 and 34-38 remain presented for continued prosecution.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

/Lawrence S. Perry/
Lawrence S. Perry
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 31,865

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

LSP\ac

FCHS_WS 2142032_1.DOC